

## **John Eddie Williams, Jr.**

Managing Partner

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### **Areas of Practice**

Mass tort cases involving:

- Pharmaceutical & Medical Device

- Asbestos

- Catastrophic Injuries

- Personal Injuries

- Major Plant Explosions

- Commercial Litigation

### **Professional Experience**

Mr. Williams is a strong advocate of workers and organized labor, representing members and their causes at every opportunity. He is specialized in representing plaintiffs in mass tort cases involving asbestos, silicosis, benzene, bad drugs, welding rod fumes, and toxic waste exposure. He represented the State of Texas in its lawsuit against the tobacco industry, resulting in the largest settlement in U.S. history of \$17.6 billion. He has recovered over \$20 billion for clients.

### **Education**

Graduated first in class from Baylor School of Law, 1978

- Served as editor-in-chief of *The Baylor Law Review*

Baylor University Bachelor of Business Administration, 1976

- Graduated cum laude

### **Legal Memberships and Professional Affiliations**

State Bar of Texas, 1978 to present

American Association for Justice

- Board of Governors, 2008 - 2019

- Executive Committee, 2008 - 2012

- Leaders Forum

- Members Founder Circle

Texas Trial Lawyers Association

- President, 2004

Houston Trial Lawyers Association

Former President  
Houston Trial Lawyers Foundation  
Former President  
Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in personal injury trial law, 1982 - present  
The James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University in Houston, TX  
Board of Advisers, 2011 - present  
Houston Police Foundation  
Board of Directors, 2012 - present  
Stellar Bank of Texas, N.A.  
Board of Directors, 2007 - present  
Since formation in 2007, until November 2017, Mr. Williams has served on the Board of Directors of its parent company, CBFH, Inc.  
Since an initial public offering in November 2017, Mr. Williams has served on the Board of Directors of its current parent company, CBTX, Inc.  
Houston Astros  
Board of Directors, 2011 - present  
Houston Bar Foundation  
Board of Directors, 2009 - 2017  
Chair, 2014

### **Professional Honors**

Baylor University's "Lawyer of the Year" Award, 2002  
Clarence Darrow Award Winner, 2008  
David S. Shrager President's Award, 2009  
Baylor University's "Alumnus of the Year" Award, 2012  
Martindale- Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating, 1985 - present  
Super Lawyer®, selected by practicing attorneys in Texas, 2003 - 2018  
Texas' Top Rated Lawyers, 2012 Edition  
Texas' Best Lawyers, 2013  
The Best Lawyers in America, 2013 - present  
Best Attorneys in Texas, 2006 - 2009 and 2013 - present  
Top Attorneys in Texas, 2013 - present  
Houston Bar Foundation's James B. Sales Pro Bono Leadership Award, 2015  
Inducted into the Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame, located at Beasley School of Law at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, 2018  
Texas Trial Lawyers Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, 2018

### **Licensed to Practice**

All state and federal district courts in Texas

### **Community Affiliations**

Mr. Williams and his wife are very involved in the community, donating time and money to many worthy causes, including higher education and health care among others.